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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL A, EMBASSY MAY DRAW
ON FOLLOWING IN APPROACHING GOT. US IS NOT PREPARED TO
PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF PROSPECTIVE
PARTICIPANTS AT PROPOSED DISASTER TRAINING CENTER OR FOR
PARTICIPANTS AT TRIAL SEMINAR RUN BY GOT. DEPARTMENT
AGREES THAT INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER DEVELOP-
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ING COUNTRIES UNLIKELY TO PAY THESE COSTS. THEREFORE,

GOT MUST AGREE TO PAY THESE COSTS OR OTHER SOLUTIONS FOUND
IF PROPOSAL IS TO GET OFF GROUND.

2. DOUBTS ABOUT ADEQUACY OF EXISTING FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY
FOR HOUSING PARTICIPANTS, RAISED BY EMBASSY IN REFTEL A IS
ONE OF MAIN REASONS FOR WANTING GOT TO GAIN FIRST HAND
EXPERIENCE OF ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH FACILITIES BY CONDUCT-
ING A TRIAL REGIONAL SEMINAR. THIS WOULD BE MAINLY A
TURKISH OPERATION WITH SOME PLANNING ASSISTANCE FROM US IN
FORM OF CONSULTANT WHO CAN COME TO ANKARA FOR APPROXI-
MATELY TWO WEEKS TO ASSIST IN CURRICULUM AND ADMINISTRA-
TIVE PLANNING SOMETIME BEFORE THE SEMINAR TAKES PLACE. WE
COULD ALSO ASSIST IN LIMITED WAY WITH SOME OF THE EQUIP-
MENT FOR INTERPRETING AND AUDIO/VISUAL AIDS. IF

APPROPRIATE, SOME US EXPERTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PRO-
GRAM.

3. PROPOSED TRIAL DISASTER TRAINING SEMINAR WOULD IN-
VOLVE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL FROM
NEARBY COUNTRIES. US WOULD PROPOSE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR PARTICIPANTS BE SOLICITED BY GOT FROM GOVERNMENTS IN
REGION TO BE INVITED AND THROUGH CONTACTS WITH FORMER
PARTICIPANTS IN ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DISASTER SEMINAR
RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN WASHINGTON. US NOT PREPARED TO PAY
PER DIEM OR HOTEL COSTS IN TURKEY FOR PARTICIPANTS.

4. DEPARTMENT SEES FOLLOWING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CURRENT
PROPOSAL FOR 4-5 DAYS TRIAL SEMINAR ON EARTHQUAKE DISASTER
PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL DISASTER TRAINING CENTER PRO-
POSAL. THE SEMINAR WOULD BE OF SHORT DURATION, WOULD
HOPEFULLY ATTRACT PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGERS WHO CAN
GET AWAY FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS BUT NOT FOR A NUMBER OF
WEEKS. BEING REGIONAL IN NATURE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
COULD MORE EASILY BE BORNE BY PARTICIPANTS OR GOT. ALSO
PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON EARTHQUAKE PLAN-
NING WAS ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION INSIDE GOT ACCORDING
TO KAYNAK. THEREFORE, US IS SIMPLY ENCOURAGING GOT TO
HOLD THIS SEMINAR AT PROPOSED SITE OF INTERNATIONAL DISAS-
TER ASSISTANCE TRAINING CENTER TO GAIN MORE SPECIFIC IN-
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FORMATION ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF THIS CENTER AND GREATER
APPRECIATION FOR PROBLEMS LIKELY TO DEVELOP WITH TRAINING
CENTER, FOR BENEFIT OF BOTH GOT AND US.

5. IF GOT ACCEPTS IDEA OF TRIAL SEMINAR WE DO NOT ANTI-
CIPATE THAT TOTAL COST FOR 5-DAY CONFERENCE WILL EXCEED
10-15,000 DOLLARS. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR APPROXIMATELY 15-20 PARTICIPANTS

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